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PROGRESS MADE TOWARD FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH COLOMBIA

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The United States and Colombia have moved one step closer to a free trade agreement (FTA). Both countries have agreed on a labor plan, and the FTA is now able to move forward for Congressional approval.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples released a [statement](#) on the significance of this development to agriculture, noting that a free trade agreement with Colombia would expand markets and increase U.S. agricultural exports by \$815 million annually. The pending FTA has been awaiting ratification since 2007.

More information about the FTA's potential benefits for U.S. agriculture can be found [here](#).

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